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## "WE CONCEDE NOTHING."

"Don't give up the ship," said an early American patriot and hero. That command which has become classic as a moral precept, was well illustrated in the recent dual meet of Kansas and Missouri Universities. All the predictions of the newspaper writers gave Kansas flattering odds. Missouri rooters had slim hopes of doing anything more than making Kansas work hard.

Professor Brewer was one who said, "We concede no event until it is won." The result of the meet shows that this spirit was justified. That was the spirit that won the contests. The quotation might very effectively be adopted, not only in University athletics, but in activities in general, as an inspiration for enthusiastic work and determination—"We concede nothing."

And now we can save money by going to the Panama-Pacific Exposition, for the San Francisco hotel keepers have agreed not to raise their rates.

## A VITAL SPOT STRUCK.

Congress struck a vital spot when it passed the bill empowering the Interstate Commerce Commission to inspect interstate railway passenger cars and enforce their cleanliness.

Of all public places the railway coach, by its very nature, invites unsanitary conditions. More people are crowded into a comparatively smaller air space than in any other public meeting place. The class of people is more varied, too, than is apt to be the case in other places. Sick persons often travel on the railroads. Naturally, then, the sanitation of the cars is quite a problem, and is often neglected or improperly done. Many cases of disease have been directly traceable to such conditions.

This new power of the Interstate Commerce Commission is a good addition to the general supervision of public health.

In your enthusiasm over the green grass, warm showers and budding trees, don't forget that the fly is beginning to thrive too.

## GOVERNMENT FOR THE PEOPLE.

Government has long been of and by the people in this and many other countries. It is just now coming to be for the people. Such scarecrow words as socialism and paternalism have kept the Government from doing many services for all the mass of people.

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## VIEWPOINTS

## Dean Williams' Rainbow.

Editor the Missourian:—In looking over the letter from Dean Williams in Sunday's issue of the Missourian, entitled "Not Peace but a Sword," my attention was arrested by a most interesting observation that should not be overlooked, namely, a rainbow seen in

the eastern sky while the sun was rising toward the zenith. Let us devoutly hope, for the sake of science, that the Dean has kept copious and exact notes of this phenomenon, for according to all the text-books a rainbow can only be seen by a person who stands with his back to the source of light (presumably the sun). I wish all poets, artists, preachers and journalists could be compelled to study science enough to impress them with the necessity for keeping accurate records of the unusual occurrences in nature which seem occasionally to be revealed to them alone. For instance, one poet whose name I cannot now recall records a case where a crescent moon rose in the east just as the sun was sinking below the horizon in the west, while another saw a crescent moon with a pretty little star nestling just within one of the horns. How much better it would be, instead of these bare facts, we knew also the date and hour of each of these observations together with a few pages from the diary of the poet describing his actions for the preceding two or three hours.

I would like to suggest two possible explanations of the top-sided rainbow seen by Dean Williams, both of which would seem farcical were the exigencies of the case less extreme. One is that the atmospheric conditions in the neighborhood of the Suez Canal are so unusual that the rays of light, instead of being straight, pursue the eccentric trajectory characteristic of the spit-ball. The second explanation, which I consider more reasonable, is this: that the source of the light that formed the bow was in this case not the sun at all, but some terrestrial source. Is it not possible that while the Dean stood on the port side of the vessel, gazing toward the mysterious east, some blasted English passenger on the starboard side (therefore behind the Dean and west of him), took it into his head to light up a pipe, and the flare of the match produced a momentary illumination sufficient for the production of a visible rainbow?

I trust that when the Dean returns he can be induced to give us his own opinion of the case, for the matter is too interesting to be dropped.

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